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AGING NETWORK NEWS/RESOURCES

Congress Passes Reauthorized OAA

Early Saturday morning, by unanimous consent the US Senate passed HR 6197, the Older Americans Act (OAA) reauthorization bill. Since the US House had passed the bill by voice vote last Thursday afternoon, it will now become law as soon as the President signs it.

This largely resulted from a grass roots-advocacy effort that kept the heat on the House and Senate. Groups, such as the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A) and the National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA), also kept up direct advocacy efforts.

"We are very pleased that Congress passed the reauthorized Older Americans Act before it recessed, says OSA Director **Sharon Gire**. "Hopefully now the President will sign the bill so we can move ahead, and work together to better the lives of seniors."

Earlier last summer, the US House had passed one version of the OAA reauthorization bill. The US Senate passed its own version as well. Staff from both the House and Senate spent a considerable amount of time over the summer developing an agreement that would bypass the usual legislative process of having a House-Senate Conference Committee meet to reconcile the two bills. The result was a compromise agreement that was agreed to by both the House and Senate, and under "unanimous consent" could not be debated or amended.

With the clock winding down on this Congressional session, scheduled to recess last weekend, and members of Congress eager to leave DC to go back home to campaign for the November election, they received telephone calls from across the nation that urged a speedy passage of the compromise agreement.

Several US Senators attempted to place a "hold" on the bill to scuttle it. But in the end, the Senate and House of Representatives responded to grass-roots pressure, and passed the bill instead of letting it die from inaction. If that had happened, the process of re-authorizing of the OAA would have had to start over by the newly-elected

Congress in 2007.

According to N4A and NASUA, key provisions of the final reauthorization bill are:

- The Choices for Independence demonstration grant in Title IV was not included in the bill. However, the principles of Choices for Independence are woven into the bill, reflecting an appropriate role for the aging network in this.
- The final bill directs the AoA Assistant Secretary to promote and implement comprehensive and coordinated systems that enable older people to receive long-term care in home and community based settings, based upon individual needs and preferences. This provision in Title II establishes the authority for AoA to implement “Choices for Independence” by conducting research and demonstrations on model state long-term care systems.
- It made changes to the formula for allocating grants to states under Title III by updating the “hold harmless” to 2006 levels, but it does not address the Title III funding formula.
- It raises authorization levels for the National Family Caregiver Support Program (NFCSP) and the Title VI caregiver program. The NFCSP authorization level will rise to \$187 million over five years, and the Native American caregiver program will rise to \$7.9 million by 2011.
- The final bill significantly broadens the types of caregivers eligible to receive services under the National Family Caregiver Support Program.
- N4A’s community planning language was retained, but without future funding.
- The Senate’s language on emergency planning also was retained.
- It encourages nutrition service providers to solicit voluntary contributions from participants with a self-directed income at or above 185% of the poverty level.
- The Title V employment program was renamed the “Older American Community Service Employment Program.” The bill retains the current eligibility age of 55 or older. It establishes five key measures of performance for Title V, and holds states and national grantees accountable for meeting those performance measures, including the possible loss of grant funds for states. It requires an overall grantee average participation cap of 27 months, with a waiver that allows up to a 36-month average participation rate. It also maintains the dual nature of the program, and reinforces the integral role of the program in community service activities. In addition, it incrementally increases the required minimum percentage of participants in unsubsidized placements from 21 to 25 percent over the authorization period.
- The bill includes grants to improve transportation services, support community innovations for aging in place, and promote multigenerational and civic engagement activities.
- It provides a greater focus on the prevention and treatment of mental illness by including grants to deliver mental health screening and treatment services.
- Rather than establishing a separate office for elder justice within the AoA, the bill enhances the coordination of elder justice programs by directing the AoA Assistant Secretary to designate an individual to be responsible for elder justice activities, and for developing a plan to collect a national data on elder abuse.
- The House “definition of terms,” preferred by N4A over the Senate version, was incorporated into the final bill.
- One disappointment, however, is that the Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) definition was not changed to reflect the role of the aging network.

For more information, call N4A at 202/872-0888, or NASUA at 202/898-2578, ext. 139, or e-mail to agotwals@n4a.org, khurtz@n4a.org or kmiller@nasua.org. Also, you can call **Mary Ablan** at the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (AAAAM) 517/886-1227 or e-mail her (ablan@iserv.net).

Governor Candidates Invited to Health Policy Forum

Governor candidates have been invited to a Health Policy Forum that will be held 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **October 14** in the Convocation Center at Eastern Michigan University (EMU) in **Ypsilanti** to provide information critical to the future of health care in Michigan.

The public is invited to attend this free, nonpartisan forum that will feature gubernatorial candidates and an expert panel discussion, as well as participation by Democratic and Republican leaders. It is sponsored by AARP of Michigan in cooperation with the National Health Policy Council, the National Coalition on Health Care.

Only those with a complimentary ticket and a government issued ID (such as a driver's license) will be admitted. To obtain a complimentary ticket, go to www.nhpcevents.com (the website of the National Health Policy Council), and click on "Free 2006 Event Tickets." Select "2006 Michigan Forum," and fill-out the short form on the right. Click on "Submit" and print the e-mail confirmation you will receive. This e-mail confirmation will be your "ticket."

Parking information and driving directions can also be found at www.nhpcevents.com, and remember to bring your ticket and government issued ID for admission to the event.

OSA Offers Free Elder Abuse Trainings for Direct Access Staff

OSA is in the process of distributing a brochure about a free training opportunity for 11,000 direct access staff members who care for vulnerable adults in long-term care healthcare settings

Sponsored by OSA in conjunction with BEAM, the free trainings will deal with Older Adult Abuse and Neglect Prevention (AANP), and will provide valuable information about how to identify forms of abuse; how to report suspected abuse; and how to prevent the abuse of vulnerable adults.

They are funded by a three-year grant to the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) through Michigan State University (MSU) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Programs (CMS) to develop a Background Check Pilot Program, and to conduct Adult Abuse and Neglect Prevention training.

The one-day training sessions are already underway. They will continue through January, 2007 to train direct access staff in four areas of the state: Southwest Michigan, Southeast Michigan, the Upper Peninsula, and the Flint/Bay City/Midland/Saginaw area. In February, 2007 the training will expand to all regions of the state.

The one-day (8-hour) interactive training sessions are specifically designed for direct access employees and their managers. They will provide information specific to:

- Recognizing situations and triggers that could precipitate abusive behavior and lead to abuse;

- Identifying potential situations of abuse, neglect, and/or misappropriation of property;
- Focusing on how to spot signs of abuse and what can be done to prevent abuse, while providing comprehensive resources; and
- Implementing practical tools to aid in preventing potential abuse, neglect, and/or misappropriation of property, thus ensuring that participants will know the designated avenues for reporting suspected abuse, neglect, and/or misappropriation of property.

Continuing education credits and nurse contact hours are available. For more information, or to schedule a training session in your area of the state, call Training Coordinator **Paula Garland** (248/465-7461) or e-mail her at pgarland@mpro.org.

OSA Establishes Statewide SPAN Work Group

A statewide workgroup called Senior Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) is being formulated by OSA to advise and make recommendations on physical activity and nutrition programs for senior adults.

SPAN will work to promote physical activity and nutrition programs, and make them a permanent part of the aging and public health networks. SPAN also will encourage its members to promote physical activity and nutrition programs within their own agencies.

SPAN members will be asked to evaluate and give input about new programs that can be offered to senior adults. This will include an assessment of a program's potential for reach, efficacy, adoption methods, implementation, maintenance, behavior change, and evaluation.

For more information, call **Sherri King** at OSA (517/373-4064) or e-mail her at kings1@michigan.gov.

MADSA to Conduct Program Assistant Training

The Michigan Adult Day Services Association (MADSA) will conduct a "Training the Program Assistant in Adult Day Services" **November 1-3** at the D&P Brown Jewish Community Adult Day Care Program in **West Bloomfield**.

This training also will include a half-day of testing, or competency evaluation, on **December 8**. MADSA will award a Certificate of Competency to those who successfully complete the program assistant training and a subsequent evaluation test.

This training will be for all staff at adult day care/adult day services programs, but in particular, to prepare individuals to serve more effectively as program assistants. MADSA believes they provide the backbone of any adult day services program. Therefore, strengthening the abilities of program assistants will strengthen the overall adult day services program, and have the greatest impact on program clients.

Training participants will gain useful information and personal care skills for working in adult day services programs. They will learn about the aging process, the implications dementia and other diseases have on the aging process, the philosophy and purpose of adult day services, the policies and procedures of adult day services programs, and the operational role of the program assistant.

For more information, call **Mindy Buikema** at MADSA (616/530-7466 or toll-free 877/362-2322) or e-mail her at madsa@earthlink.net.

PSC Shares Energy Assistance Program Information Online

With a cold winter approaching, it is time to think about keeping warm. But because of rising fuel costs (for natural gas, propane and heating oil), it also is time to think ahead about how to afford it.

For information about how to manage winter energy bills, go to www.michigan.gov/energyassistance, and then click on “Energy Assistance.” This is the website of the Michigan Public Service Commission (PSC) that lists State of Michigan Energy Assistance Programs. It provides ideas for saving energy, and links to a wide range of consumer resources.

It gives tips about using energy wisely by reducing the use of energy, and a number of valuable energy-saving suggestions:

- Senior adults may spread out the payment of peak winter heating bills, and take the seasonable ups and downs out of paying monthly heating bills, by enrolling in budget billing plans offered by utility companies.
- They may qualify for shut-off protection through various programs.
- Senior adults may qualify for help in paying heating bills through state emergency relief programs.
- They may qualify to receive a State of Michigan tax credit to help pay winter heating bills.
- Low-income customers and senior adults can budget natural gas and electricity payments to avoid shut-offs.
- During a medical emergency, senior adults can postpone the payment of a utility bill for up to 21 days, and thereby avoid a shut-off.
- Low-income households and senior adults can receive free caulking, weather stripping and insulation.
- Senior adults who are veterans can receive emergency financial assistance to pay utility bills.

In addition, senior adults can receive information about weatherization and emergency heating relief through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), a federally funded program administered by the Michigan Department of Human Services (MDHS). Designed to help low income households meet the high cost of home heating, LIHEAP is coordinated with State of Michigan Energy Assistance Programs.

The Michigan Public Service Commission website also has several Internet links to Electric Utilities Addresses and Contact Information, Natural Gas Price Information, Natural Gas Utilities Addresses and Contact Information, Consumer Complaints Contact Information, a Winter Protection Plan, and Consumer Standards and Billing Practices.

AARP GIC Publication Explains Benefits for Grandparent Caregivers

The AARP Foundation’s Grandparent Information Center (GIC) offers a publication to inform grandparent caregivers about public benefits that may be available to them and

the grandchildren they are raising.

Entitled Guide to Public Benefits for Grandfamilies, it provides information about cash assistance, health, nutrition and tax credits that can help these families make ends meet. It presents useful information for grandparents and other kinship relatives raising grandchildren who live on limited, fixed incomes that make it difficult for them to care adequately for the children.

This publication also recommends that these grandparent caregivers go to www.benefitscheckup.org to determine if they are eligible for cash assistance, health, food or home energy services.

For more information, call 202/434-2218 or e-mail to agoyer@aarp.

OSA EVENTS/MEETINGS

State Advisory Council on Aging (SAC)

The next meeting will be held 9:30 a.m. **October 5** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Sally Steiner** at OSA (517/373-8810) or e-mail to steiners@michigan.gov.

OSA/Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Directors

The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. **October 10** in the First Floor Conference Room of the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (AAAAM), 6105 West St. Joseph in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Jan Bowlin** at OSA (517/241-3864) or e-mail to bowlinj1@michigan.gov, or call **Mary Ablan** at the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (517/886-1227) or e-mail her at ablan@iserv.net.

Commission on Services to the Aging (CSA)

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. **October 20** at the Holiday Inn Lansing West Conference Center, 7501 W. Saginaw Highway in **Lansing**. For more information, call **Cindy Albrecht** at OSA (517/335-4016) or e-mail to albrechtc@michigan.gov.

EVENTS/MEETINGS ADDED SINCE THE LAST ISSUE

Meditation & Contemplative Practice, a seminar sponsored by Portage Senior Citizen Services **October 6** at the Portage Senior Center in **Portage** to learn the basics and benefits of meditation. For more information, call 269/329-4555 or e-mail to senior@portagemi.com.

Geriatric Rehabilitation: Recognizing Potential and Improving Function, sponsored by Agility Health and the Geriatric Education Center of Michigan **October 7** at the Sheraton Lansing in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/353-7828.

Legal Perils of Taking Care of Parents, a free seminar sponsored by the Isabella

County Commission on Aging (CoA) **October 10** at the CoA Senior Center in **Mt. Pleasant** about protecting the caregiver and the family estate. For more information or to make a reservation, call 989/772-0478.

Nursing Facility Transition Services, an Informational forum about current initiatives to support individuals who choose to transition from a nursing facility to community living with in-home services, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Office of Long-Term Care Support and Services **October 11** at the Lansing Community College West Campus (M-Tech) in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/373-3860.

Fall Roast, a fund-raiser sponsored by the Cass County Council on Aging (CoA) **October 14** at the CoA in **Cassopolis**, featuring a hog roast dinner, auctions, and music and dancing with all proceeds to benefit the CoA Meals on Wheels Program. For more information, go to www.casscoa.org or call toll-free 800/323-0390.

Behavioral Challenges for the Caregiver, a free seminar sponsored by the Isabella County Commission on Aging (CoA) **October 17** at the CoA Senior Center in **Mt. Pleasant** about understanding difficult behaviors. For more information or to make a reservation, call 989/772-0478.

Halloween Health Fair, sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe **October 17** at the Tribal Operations Gym in **Mt. Pleasant**. For more information, call 989/775-4649.

Cooking for One can be Easy and Enjoyable, sponsored by the Cass County Council on Aging (CoA) and Michigan State University (MSU) Extension **October 19** at the CoA. For more information, go to www.casscoa.org or call toll-free 800/323-0390.

Putting the Care into Caregiving, a six-week caregiver training sponsored by the Heart of Senior Citizen Services in partnership with the Genesee County Department of Mental Health **October 18 and 25**, and **November 1, 8, 15 and 22** at the Krapohl Center in **Mt. Morris** for those caring for aging parents, relatives, friends, a spouse or an aging sibling. For more information, call 810/785-2270 or e-mail to info@heartscs.org.

IOG Poster Presentation & Open House, sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **October 19** at the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to www.iog.wayne.edu or call 313/577-2297.

October Speaker Series: November 2006 Ballot Proposals, sponsored by the Prime Times Seniors Program **October 19** at the Hannah Community Center in **East Lansing** to learn more about how passage of these ballot initiatives could potentially impact the community. For more information, call 517/337-1113 or e-mail to karndt@ci.east-lansing.mi.us.

7th Annual "Crafty Hands" Bazaar, sponsored by the Gratiot Commission on Aging (CoA) **October 20** at the CoA in **Ithaca**. For more information, call 989/875-5332 or 909/875-2315.

Bond Fundamentals: The Benefits of Fixed Income Investing, a workshop sponsored by the Antrim County Commission on Aging (CoA) **October 20** at the Bellaire Senior Center in **Bellaire**. For more information, call 231/533-8703.

Community Health Fair, a public event for family and friends sponsored by the Gratiot Commission on Aging (CoA) **October 21** in the Doig Chapel at Masonic Pathways in **Alma**. For more information, or to make special arrangements for a group to attend, call 989/875-5246.

Single Point of Entry Informational Forum, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Office of Long-Term Care Supports & Services **October 23** at the Michigan Home Health Association in **Okemos** to provide information and answer questions about the new Single Point of Entry for long-term care services. For more information, call 517/373-3860 or e-mail to thelen@michigan.gov.

2006 Annual National Respite and Caregiver Conference: Blazing Trails for Caregiving, sponsored by Easter Seals Disability Services and the Respite Resource Center **October 25-27** at the Double Tree Hotel in **Omaha, NE**. For more information, Go to www.ne.easterseals.com or call 402/996-8444.

Fall Jamboree Dinner Dance, a fund-raiser sponsored by the Gratiot Community Senior Center with a live string band **October 26** at center in **St. Louis** with all proceeds going for the operating costs of the senior center building. For more information, call 989/681-4341.

Conference on Alzheimer's Disease: Setting the Research Agenda a Century after Augusta D, sponsored by the National Institute of Aging of the National Institutes of Health **October 26-27** at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda in **Bethesda, MD** to discuss future directions for the NIH Alzheimer's disease research agenda. Registration is free but seating is limited. For more information, go to www.tech-res-intl.com/nia/alzheimers_conference/default.htm or call 301/897-7481. See also the FEDERAL REGISTER section of this issue (below).

Bond Fundamentals: The Benefits of Fixed Income Investing, a workshop sponsored by the Antrim County Commission on Aging (CoA) **October 27** at the Mancelona Senior Center in **Mancelona**. For more information, call 231/533-8703.

Training the Program Assistant in Adult Day Services, conducted by the Michigan Adult Day Services Association (MADSA) **November 1** (with a Competency Evaluation on **December 8**) at the D&P Brown Jewish Community Adult Day Care Program in **West Bloomfield**. For more information, call 616/530-7466 or toll-free 877/362-2322, or e-mail to madsa@earthlink.net. See also the AGING NETWORK NEWS/RESOURCES section of this issue (above).

Second Annual Aging in Place Conference, sponsored by the Housing Bureau for Seniors and the University of Michigan (U-M) Health System **November 6-10** to provide information needed to make informed decisions about housing and personal care for independent living. Conference workshops will be held on various topics (estate planning, finances, building or remodeling homes, driving, reverse mortgages, scams, clutter, cooking, long-term care insurance and homeshare) at the following locations:

November 6 at the Turner Senior Resource Center in **Ann Arbor**

November 7 at the Home Builders Association of Washtenaw County in **Ann Arbor**

November 8 at the Saline Senior Center in **Saline**

November 9 at the Milan Senior Center in **Milan**

November 10 at the Silver Maples of Chelsea in **Chelsea**

November 10 at Chelsea Retirement Communities in **Chelsea**
November 10 at the Turner Senior Resource Center in **Ann Arbor**
For more information or to register, call 734/998-9336

Estate Planning Seminar, a public event sponsored by Senior Services, Inc. especially for caregivers **November 16** at the Coover Center in **Kalamazoo**. For more information, go to www.seniorservices1.org or call 269/382-0515.

Principles and Techniques of Fundraising: Learn to Build Your Nonprofit Organization's Resources with Confidence and Success, a training sponsored by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership and conducted by The Fund Raising School at Indiana University (IU) **November 13-17** at the Dominican Center at Marywood in **Grand Rapids**. For more information or to register, go to www.johnsoncenter.org or call 616/331-7232.

2006 Case Management: Creating Practice Excellence, the 6th Annual Conference for Health Care Professionals Engaged in Case Management sponsored by Michigan State University (MSU) Nursing and the MSU School of Social Work **November 16** at the MSU Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in **East Lansing** (with an optional pre-conference workshop **November 15** entitled **Self-Deception: Learning to Open Our Eyes to See Others**). For more information or to register, go to www.nursing.msu.edu/contedconference.asp or call 517/355-3393 or toll-free 800/605-6424, Option 6.

AARP Driver Safety Program, a refresher course for drivers age 50 and older sponsored by the Antrim County Commission on Aging (CoA) **November 16-17** at the CoA in **Bellaire**. For more information, call 231/533-8703.

Single Point of Entry Informational Forum, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) Office of Long-Term Care Supports & Services **November 27** in the auditorium of the Michigan Library and Historical Center in **Lansing** to provide information and answer questions about the new Single Point of Entry for long-term care services. For more information, call 517/373-3860 or e-mail to thelen@michigan.gov.

Health Action 2007, a conference sponsored by Families USA **January 25-27, 2007** at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in **Washington, DC**. For more information, go to www.familiesusa.org or call 202/628-3030.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCES

16th Annual BCBS Senior Advisory Council Conference and 2006 Claude Pepper Awards, entitled "Seniors and Care Givers: Improving Quality of Life" and sponsored by the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) of Michigan Senior Advisory Council and Blue Care Network of Michigan **October 13** at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in **Frankenmuth**. For more information, call toll-free 800/733-2583.

2nd Annual UP Nonprofit Conference, sponsored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association **October 13** at the Great Lakes Center for Youth Development in **Marquette**. For more information, go to www.glcyd.org or call 906/228-8919.

2006 Volunteer Symposium, a conference sponsored by the Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization **October 13-15** at the Double Tree Hotel in **Bay City**. For more information or to register, go to www.mihospice.org or call 517/886-6737 or toll-free 800/536-6300.

2006 MASC Annual Conference: Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM), sponsored by the Michigan Association of Senior Centers (MASC) **October 25-27** at the Radisson Hotel in **Lansing**. For more information, call 269/966-2566 or e-mail to adavis@burnhambrook.com.

Call for Submissions: 8th Annual Art of Aging Successfully Conference, entitled "Vitality and Inspiration" and sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) March 29, 2007 at WSU in **Detroit**. The deadline for submitting creative works (such as art, writing, ceramics, needlework, photography, woodworking, singing, dance, etc.) by nonprofessional artists age 55 and older is **November 1**. For more information and/or submission guidelines, go to www.ioq.wayne.edu or call 313/577-2297.

Designing Healthy Livable Communities: A Study in Best Practices, a conference sponsored by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports **November 13** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in **East Lansing** to talk about best practices that help people make healthy choices, and choose a healthy lifestyle that eliminate barriers to physical activity and healthy eating. For more information, call 517/335-8418 or e-mail to palmer@michigan.gov.

MICHIGAN NONPROFIT SEMINARS/TRAINING EVENTS

Fall 2006 Joint Provider/Surveyor Training, sponsored by the Bureau of Health Systems (BHS) of the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) **October 10** at the Rock Financial Showplace in **Novi**. To register online, go to www.mpro.org/jpst. For more information, call 248/465-7303 or e-mail to mhoey@mpro.org.

Understanding Clinical Trials – for the Non-Physician, a free 2006 Fall Colloquium and Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **October 10** at the Freer House, adjacent to the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to www.ioq.wayne.edu or call 313/577-2297.

Caregiver Fall Trainings, sponsored by the Isabella County Commission on Aging (CoA) **October 10** and **October 17** at the CoA in **Mt. Pleasant**. Respite care provided. For more information, call 989/772-0478.

Use it or Lose it: How to Keep Your Brain Fit as it Ages, sponsored by the Cass County Council on Aging (CoA) **October 10, 17, 24** and **31** at the Lincoln Center in **Dowagiac**. For more information, call 269/445-8110.

Seniors Staying Sharp: Aiming at Optimumhood, a series sponsored by the Clinton Township Senior Center **October 11, 18** and **25** at the senior center in **Clinton Township** to discuss normal aging, blues and blahs, and things that may be dulling the

mind. For more information, call 586/286-9333.

Seniors & Money: Take a Money Check-up, a free “Opening New Doors Community Education Program” sponsored by the Macomb County Senior Citizen Services Adult Day Services Program **October 12** at the Southeast Health Center in **St. Clair Shores**. For more information, call 586/466-6817 or e-mail to kaw.kozlinski@macombcountymi.gov.

Ethics in Clinical Practice, and Pain & Pain Management, a workshop provided through APOGEE: A Joint venture of Touchstone innovare’ and Gerontology Network **October 13** at Above & Beyond in **Norton Shores**. For more information, call toll-free 800/730-6135 or e-mail to mwaskiewicz@gerontologynetwork.org.

Low Impact Stress – Possible Implication for the Aging Process, a free 2006 Fall Colloquium and Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **October 17** at the Freer House, adjacent to the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to www.iog.wayne.edu or call 313/577-2297.

CEO 601: Advanced Leadership, a training sponsored by the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) for board members and executives of nonprofit organizations **October 18-20** at the Shanty Creek Resort in **Bellaire**. For more information, go to www.johnsoncenter.org or call 616/331-7232.

Ethics in Clinical Practice, and Pain & Pain Management, a workshop provided through APOGEE: A Joint venture of Touchstone innovare’ and Gerontology Network **October 19** at University Center at Gaylord in **Gaylord**. For more information, call toll-free 800/730-6135 or e-mail to mwaskiewicz@gerontologynetwork.org.

Successful Aging, a free 2006 Fall Colloquium and Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **October 24** at the Freer House, adjacent to the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to www.iog.wayne.edu or call 313/577-2297.

Life Review and Reminiscence: The Power of Our Life Stories, a seminar sponsored by the Lansing Community College Health and Human Services Department **October 27** at the college in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/483-1529 or e-mail to beham@lcc.edu.

Professional Development: Plan and Deliver a Presentation, a free 2006 Fall Colloquium and Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **October 31** at the Freer House, adjacent to the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to www.iog.wayne.edu or call 313/577-2297.

Healthy Holidays! Senior Nutrition and Osteoporosis, a free “Opening New Doors Community Education Program” sponsored by the Macomb County Senior Citizen Services Adult Day Services Program **November 2** at the Southeast Health Center in **St. Clair Shores**. For more information, call 586/466-6817 or e-mail to kaw.kozlinski@macombcountymi.gov.

Circadian Rhythm – Time of Day Influence on Memory and Aging, a free 2006 Fall

Colloquium and Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **November 6** at the Freer House, adjacent to the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to www.iog.wayne.edu or call 313/577-2297.

Contract Management Principles and Practices, a professional development program for government and business sponsored by ESI International and The George Washington University **November 6-8** in **Detroit**. For more information, go to www.esi-intl.com or call toll-free 888/374-8884.

Driver Safety Program, sponsored by AARP **November 6** and **November 8** at the Clinton Township Senior Center in **Clinton Township**. For more information, call 586/286-9333.

Understanding and Dealing with Depression, a free workshop sponsored by the Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services **November 14** in the Macomb County Senior Auditorium at the Department of Senior Citizen Services in **Clinton Township** to provide education, discussion and support. For more information, call 586/469-6708.

Outcome – Based Treatment: Methods and Models for Working with Older Adults with Mental Health Issues, a seminar sponsored by the Michigan State University (MSU) School of Social Work **November 18** at the MSU East Fee Hall in **East Lansing**. For more information, go to www.socialwork.msu.edu/ceu or call 517/353-8620.

Self-Efficacy and Everyday Problem Solving Across the Lifespan, a free 2006 Fall Colloquium and Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **November 21** at the Freer House, adjacent to the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to www.iog.wayne.edu or call 313/577-2297.

Professional Development: Interdisciplinary Research Collaboration, a free 2006 Fall Colloquium and Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **November 28** at the Freer House, adjacent to the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to www.iog.wayne.edu or call 313/577-2297.

Ethics in Clinical Practice, and Pain & Pain Management, a workshop provided through APOGEE: A Joint venture of Touchstone innovare' and Gerontology Network **December 1** at the DeVos Center for Scouting in **Grand Rapids**. For more information, call toll-free 800/730-6135 or e-mail to mwaskiewicz@gerontologynetwork.org.

Aging and Vision Impairment – Independence and Life Satisfaction, a free 2006 Fall Colloquium and Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **December 5** at the Freer House, adjacent to the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to www.iog.wayne.edu or call 313/577-2297.

Caregiver Tips for Surviving the Holidays, a free "Opening New Doors Community Education Program" sponsored by the Macomb County Senior Citizen Services Adult Day Services Program **December 7** at the Southeast Health Center in **St. Clair Shores**. For more information, call 586/466-6817 or e-mail to

Aging and MS – Falls and MS and Cognition, a free 2006 Fall Colloquium and Professional Development seminar sponsored by the Wayne State University (WSU) Institute of Gerontology (IOG) **December 12** at the Freer House, adjacent to the IOG in **Detroit**. For more information, go to www.iog.wayne.edu or call 313/577-2297.

DEMENTIA EVENTS/MEETINGS

Non-Alzheimer's Dementias: What They Look Like and Implications for Care, a seminar sponsored by the Lansing Community College Health and Human Services Department **October 6** at the college in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/483-1529 or e-mail to beham@lcc.edu.

Psychopharmacology with Older Adults: Deliriums, Dementias, and Drugs, a seminar sponsored by the Michigan State University (MSU) School of Social Work **October 21** at the MSU East Fee Hall in **East Lansing**. For more information, go to www.socialwork.msu.edu/ceu or call 517/353-8620.

1st National Concepts in Care Conference, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America **October 21-22** at the Hilton Anatole in **Dallas, TX**. For more information, go to www.alzfdn.org or call toll-free 866/232-8484.

Conference on Alzheimer's Disease: Setting the Research Agenda a Century After Auguste D, sponsored by the National Institute on Aging of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) **October 26-27** at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda in **Bethesda, MD**. For more information, go to www.tech-res-intl.com/nia/alzheimers_conference/default.htm. See also the FEDERAL REGISTER section of this issue (below).

Validating Feelings to Improve Communication with People with Dementia, a seminar sponsored by the Lansing Community College Health and Human Services Department **October 27** at the college in **Lansing**. For more information, call 517/483-1529 or e-mail to beham@lcc.edu.

11th Annual Edna Gates Conference on Dementia Care, sponsored by Optimal Life Designs in Dementia Care **November 6-7** at the Marriott Hotel in **Troy**. For more information, call 810/231-2723 or e-mail to annerobinson2@sbglobal.net.

6th Annual Meeting: Providing Health Care Services for Older Adults 2006-2030, sponsored by the Primary Care Dementia Network **December 8** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Center in **East Lansing**. For more information, call 517/353-7828 or e-mail to yonker@msu.edu.

Understanding Alzheimer's, an introductory program sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Great Lakes Chapter to learn how to recognize possible signs of Alzheimer's disease; better understand how Alzheimer's is diagnosed; recognize the effects of Alzheimer's on the brain; and gain access to community resources and services. The programs will be held:

October 6 at Wyndham Apartments Heritage Community in **Kalamazoo**

October 9 at the Trellis Gardens at Vista Grande Villa in **Jackson**
October 11 at the Freemont Area Public Library in **Fremont**
October 11 at the Alzheimer's Association Great Lakes Chapter in **Ann Arbor**
October 14 at the Sparrow Professional Building in **Lansing**
October 16 at Redeemer United Methodist Church in **DeWitt**
October 17 at Muskegon Family Care in **Muskegon**
October 18 at the Hamburg Senior Center in **Hamburg**
October 19 at the Region IV Area Agency on Aging in **St. Joseph**
October 24 at the H&C Burnside Senior Center in **Coldwater**
October 24 at the Eaton Rapids Senior Center in **Eaton Rapids**
October 25 at the Ludington Senior Center in **Ludington**
November 6 at the Life Care Center of Plainwell in **Plainwell**
November 9 at The Monroe Center in **Monroe**
November 14 at the Bixby Medical Center in **Adrian**
November 30 at the St. Joseph County Commission on Aging in **Three Rivers**
November 30 at the Workforce Development & Technology Center in **Hillsdale**
December 5 at the Chelsea District Library in **Chelsea**
December 11 at Foote Hospital in **Jackson**

For more information or to register, go to www.alzmigreatlakes.org or call 800/272-3900.

OTHER MICHIGAN EVENTS/MEETINGS

7th Annual Solutions for Family Caregivers Fair, a free event sponsored by Area Agency on Aging 1B (AAA-1B) **October 21** at the Best Western Sterling Inn Banquet and Conference Center in **Sterling Heights**. For more information, call toll-free 800/852-7795 or e-mail to sjustice@aaa1b.com.

Growing through the Years: Michigan & MSG from 1956-2006, a 50th Anniversary celebration and luncheon sponsored by the Michigan Society of Gerontology (MSG) **November 2** at the Michigan State University (MSU) Kellogg Center in **East Lansing**. For more information, go to www.msginfo.org or e-mail to info@msginfo.org.

SKILLPATH/COMPUMASTER NONPROFIT SEMINARS

For more information about any of these seminars, go to www.skillpath.com or call toll-free 800/873-7545, or go to www.compumaster.net or call toll-free 800/867-4340.

To receive fee discounts, call Kathy Hepker 800/873-7545 (ext. 1137) and say you're from OSA.

Discovering the Secrets of Microsoft Access, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 2-3** in **Troy**.

Business Writing and Grammar Skills Made Easy and Fun, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **October 12-13** in **Kalamazoo**.

The Essentials of Communicating with Diplomacy and Professionalism, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 15-16** in **Lansing** and **December 13-14** in **Traverse City**.

Dealing Effectively with Unacceptable Employee Behavior, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **October 11** in **Saginaw**, **October 12** in **Traverse City**, **October 30** in **Farmington Hills**, **October 31** in **Flint**, **November 1** in **Lansing** and **November 2** in **Jackson**.

Conflict Management Skills for Women, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **October 12** in **Troy**, **October 13** in **Ann Arbor** and **October 20** in **Sault Ste. Marie**.

OSHA Compliance 2006, conducted the Human Resources Council **October 13** in **Lansing**.

How to Design Attention-Grabbing Brochures, Catalogs, Ads, Newsletters and Reports, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **October 17** in **Flint**.

The Indispensable Assistant, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University for secretaries, administrative assistants and support people **October 17** in **Dearborn**, **October 18** in **Farmington Hills**, **October 19** in **Jackson**, **November 13** in **Flint**, **November 14** in **Troy** and **November 15** in **Ann Arbor**.

Mastering Microsoft Project, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University to help plan, control and maximize a project's efficiency **October 18-19** in **Marquette**, **October 31-November 1** in **Farmington Hills** and **November 28-29** in **Kalamazoo**.

Fundamentals of Finance & Accounting for Non-Financial Managers, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **October 19-20** in **Troy**.

Managing Emotions and Thriving Under Pressure, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **October 25** in **Kalamazoo**, **October 26** in **Lansing** and **October 27** in **Traverse City**.

Fundamentals of Successful Project Management, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 2-3** in **Grand Rapids**, **November 6-7** in **Troy**, **November 8-9** in **Dearborn**, **December 4-5** in **Farmington Hills** and **December 6-7** in **Ann Arbor**.

Getting the Most from Microsoft Excel, conducted by CompuMaster, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 6** in **Grand Rapids**, **November 7** in **Dearborn**, **November 8** in **Farmington Hills**, **November 9** in **Lansing**, **November 20** in **Flint**, **November 21** in **Traverse City** and **December 8** in **Troy**.

How to Excel at Managing and Supervising People, conducted by Skillpath, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 6-7** in **Farmington Hills**.

Mastering Adobe Photoshop, conducted by CompuMaster, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 8-9** in **Grand Rapids**.

The Administrative Assistants Conference, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 14** in **Traverse City**, **November 15** in **Saginaw** and **November 16** in **Grand Rapids**.

Conference for Women, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 14** in **Dearborn**, **November 15** in **Troy** and **November 16** in **Jackson**.

Excelling as a First-Time Manager or Supervisor, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 15** in **Grand Rapids**.

Managing Multiple Projects, Objectives and Deadlines, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 16** in **Kalamazoo**, **December 13** in **Farmington Hills**, **December 14** in **Detroit**, **December 15** in **Grand Rapids**, **December 16** in **Grand Rapids**

The Conference on Leadership Development and Team Building, conducted by Skillpath Seminars, a nonprofit division of Graceland University **November 28** in **Lansing**, **November 29** in **Grand Rapids** and **November 30** in **Traverse City**.

CONFERENCES/EVENTS OUTSIDE MICHIGAN

2006 Annual Conference, sponsored by the National Guardianship Association (NGA) **October 7-10** at the Newport Beach Marriott Resort & Spa in **Newport Beach, CA**. For more information, go to www.guardianship.org, call 814/238-3126 or e-mail to info@guardianship.org.

The Third National Medicare Congress: the Leading Forum on Medicare, a conference sponsored by Health Affairs, the Harvard Medical Review and the Milbank Memorial Fund **October 15-17** at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in **Washington, DC**. For more information, go to www.medicarecongress.com or call toll-free 800/684-4549.

19th Annual State Health Policy Conference, entitled "Leaders with Nerves of Steel" and sponsored by The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) **October 15-17** at the Omni William Penn Hotel in **Pittsburgh, PA**. For more information, go to www.nashp.org or call 207/874-6524.

1st National Concepts in Care Conference, a care-focused gathering of family caregivers and healthcare professionals from across the nation sponsored by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America **October 21-22** at the Hilton Anatole-Dallas in **Dallas, TX**. For more information, go to www.alzfdn.org or call toll-free 866/232-8484.

31st Annual Conference and Meeting: Care Matters, sponsored by the National Citizens' Coalition for Nursing Home Reform (NCCNHR) **October 22-24** at the Hilton Crystal City Hotel in **Arlington, VA**. For more information, go to www.nccnhr.org or call 202/332-2275.

17th National Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation Conference, entitled "Bridges to Opportunities: People, Places & Connections" and sponsored by the Federal

Transit Administration (FTA) and the National Rural Transit Assistance Program (IRTAP) **October 22-25** at the Skamania Lodge in **Stevenson, WA**. For more information, go to www.trbruralconference.org or call 360/705-7929.

26th Annual Arkansas Aging Conference: Choices for Independence, sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services **October 23-25** at the Hot Springs Convention Center in **Hot Springs, AK**. For more information, go to www.arkansas.gov/dhhs/aging or call 501/682-2441.

2006 GIA Conference, sponsored by Grantmakers in Aging (GIA) **October 25-27** at the Pfister Hotel in **Milwaukee, WI**. For more information, go to www.gia.org or call 937/435-3156.

AGW: The Aging Workforce Summit, sponsored by Prudential Financial **October 26-27** at the Mid-America Club in **Chicago, IL** for those who are responsible for planning, funding and/or managing their organization's age-driven issues . For more information, go to www.agwsummit.com or call 860/724-2649, ext. 17.

Life @ 50+ AARP's National Event and Expo, sponsored by AARP **October 26-28** at the Anaheim Convention Center in **Anaheim, CA**. For more information, go to www.aarp.org/events or call toll-free 800/883-2784.

Negotiation Skills for Project Managers, a professional development program for government and business sponsored by ESI International and The George Washington University **November 1-3** in **Chicago, IL**. For more information, go to www.esi-intl.com or call toll-free 888/374-8884.

29th Annual Scientific Meeting: Education & the Gerontological Imagination, sponsored by the Gerontological Society of America **November 16-20** at the Adam's Mark Hotel in **Dallas, TX**. For more information, go to www.agingconference.com or call 202/842-1275.

Project Leadership, Management and Communications, a professional development program for government and business sponsored by ESI International and The George Washington University **November 28-30** in **Chicago, IL**. For more information, go to www.esi-intl.com or call toll-free 888/374-8884.

2007 Joint Conference of the National Council on Aging (NCoA) and the American Society on Aging (ASA), to be held **March 7-10, 2007** in **Chicago, IL**. For more information, go to www.agingconference.org, call 415/974-9600 or e-mail to jc07@asaging.org.

FOR-PROFIT TRAINING EVENTS/RESOURCES

The following information about for-profit training events and resources is presented as a public service for informational purposes only, and should not be interpreted as constituting OSA promotion or endorsement. OSA does not receive financial or any other benefit for providing this information.

Receive Free DVD on Macular Degeneration

While supplies last, Video Placements Worldwide is offering, to those who work with senior adults, a free DVD featuring helpful advice from accomplished individuals about living with macular degeneration.

Entitled "Hope and Cope: Living with Macular Degeneration," the DVD is from the American Macular Degeneration Foundation. It suggests ways in which people with macular degeneration can continue to live active, independent and fulfilling lives.

Video Placements Worldwide is a distributor of free educational videos. For more information, or to order this DVD without charge, go to www.vpw.com/programs. When ordering, please provide an estimate of the number of people who will see it.

For-Profit Seminars/Training Events

For more information about any of these seminars, go to www.pryor.com or call toll-free 800/556-2998.

Dealing with Difficult People, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **October 6** in **Lansing**, **October 17** in **Petoskey**, **October 18** in **Traverse City**, **October 19** in **Saginaw**, **October 20** in **Flint**, **October 23** in **Kalamazoo**, **October 24** in **Grand Rapids**, **October 25** in **Ann Arbor**, **October 26** in **Troy**, **October 27** in **Southfield** and **January 22, 2007** in **Marquette**.

Team-Building, Mentoring and Coaching Skills, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **October 9** in **Kalamazoo**, **October 10** in **Grand Rapids**, **October 11** in **Lansing**, **October 12** in **Ann Arbor**, **October 13** in **Troy**, **October 25** in **Jackson**, **October 26** in **Flint** and **October 27** in **Dearborn**.

Assertive Leadership Skills for Managers and Supervisors, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **October 24** in **Marquette**.

Facilities Management, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **October 30-31** in **Grand Rapids**, **November 13-14** in **Ann Arbor** and **November 15-16** in **Troy**.

How to Deliver Exceptional Customer Service, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **November 1** in **Ann Arbor**, **November 2** in **Troy**, **November 3** in **Southfield** and **December 1** in **Grand Rapids**.

How to Supervise People, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **November 6** in **Kalamazoo**, **November 7** in **Grand Rapids**, **November 8** in **Lansing**, **November 9** in **Ann Arbor**, **November 10** in **Troy**, **November 16** in **Jackson**, **November 17** in **Southfield**, **November 28** in **Petoskey**, **November 29** in **Traverse City**, **November 30** in **Saginaw**, **December 1** in **Flint** and **January 16, 2007** in **Marquette**.

Microsoft Excel: Excel Basics, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **November 6** in **Marquette**, **December 4** in **Ann Arbor**, **December 4** in **Troy**, **December 5** in **Kalamazoo**, **December 6** in **Dearborn**, **December 6** in **Grand Rapids**, **December 7** in **Lansing**, **December 11** in **Petoskey**, **December 13** in **Traverse City**, **December 14** in **Jackson**, **December 18** in **Saginaw** and **December 20** in **Flint**.

Microsoft Access, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **November 6-7** in **Saginaw**,

November 7-8 in Jackson, November 8-9 in Flint, November 14-15 in Lansing, November 14-15 in Kalamazoo, November 16-17 in Ann Arbor, November 16-17 in Grand Rapids, November 28-29 in Troy and November 30-December 1 in Southfield.

Excel: Beyond the Basics, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **November 7 in Marquette, December 5 in Ann Arbor, December 5 in Troy, December 6 in Kalamazoo, December 7 in Dearborn, December 7 in Grand Rapids, December 8 in Lansing, December 12 in Petoskey, December 14 in Traverse City, December 15 in Jackson, December 19 in Saginaw and December 21 in Flint.**

Stress Management, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **November 14 in Marquette.**

Excel Basics, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **December 4 in Ann Arbor, December 6 in Dearborn, December 6 in Grand Rapids, December 14 in Jackson and December 20 in Flint.**

The Outstanding Receptionist, conducted by Fred Pryor Seminars **December 18 in Marquette.**

FEDERAL REGISTER
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CMS Lists 2007 Deductible and Coinsurance Amounts

See the Federal Register dated **September 18** (Vol. 71, No. 180). Go to “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services” and see “Medicare: Inpatient hospital deductible.” This notice from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), effective **January 1, 2007**, announces the inpatient hospital deductible and the hospital and extended care services coinsurance amounts for services furnished in calendar year (CY) 2007 under Medicare’s Hospital Insurance Program (Medicare Part A). For CY 2007, the inpatient hospital deductible will be \$982. The daily coinsurance amounts for CY 2007 will be \$248 for the 61st through the 90th day of hospitalization in a benefit period; \$496 for lifetime reserve days; and \$124 for the 21st through the 100th day of extended care services in a skilled nursing facility in a benefit period. For more information, call 410/786-6390.

CMS Announces Actuarial Rates for Aged and Disabled

See the Federal Register dated **September 18** (Vol. 71, No. 180). Go to “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services” and see “Medicare: Part B.” This notice from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announces the monthly actuarial rates for aged (age 65 and older) and disabled (under age 65) beneficiaries enrolled in Part B of the Medicare Supplemental Medical Insurance (SMI) program, beginning **January 1, 2007**. In addition, this notice announces the standard monthly premium for aged and disabled beneficiaries, as well as the income-related monthly adjustment amounts to be paid by beneficiaries with modified adjusted gross income above certain threshold amounts, as required by the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act, as modified. It also announces the annual deductible to be paid by all beneficiaries during 2007. For more information, call 410/786-6391.

Corporation Requests Comments for Award Renewal

See the Federal Register dated **September 18** (Vol. 71, No. 180). Go to “Corporation for National and Community Service” and see “Notices.” This notice from the Corporation solicits comments by **November 17** concerning the proposed renewal of its President’s Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) application. These applications must be completed by any organization that is interested in presenting the President’s Volunteer Service Award. This award was established in 2003 as a recognition program to honor Americans who answered the call to service, and made a sustained commitment to volunteer service. It is one initiative that grew out of the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation as a way to honor those Americans who were answering the President’s call to service. For more information, call 202/606-6708.

NIH to Sponsor Conference on Alzheimer’s

See Federal Register dated **September 18** (Vol. 71, No. 180). Go to “National Institutes of Health” and see “Notices: Meetings, Alzheimer’s.” This notice from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) announces that the National Institute on Aging and several other Institutes of the National Institutes of Health, including the Institute on Mental Health, will hold a conference entitled “Conference on Alzheimer’s Disease: Setting the Research Agenda a Century after Auguste D.” It will be held **October 26-27** at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda in **Bethesda, MD** to discuss future directions for the NIH Alzheimer’s disease research agenda. The focus of the conference will be on discussing the research issues that must be addressed in order to provide more efficacious diagnostics and therapeutics to patients and their families. The conference will include a series of 30-minute presentations by experts in covering a broad spectrum of Alzheimer’s disease research. Registration is free but seating is limited. For more information, go to www.tech-res-intl.com/nia/alzheimers_conference/default.htm or call 301/897-7481.

Corporation Seeks Comments for Accomplishments Surveys

See the Federal Register dated **September 20** (Vol. 71, No. 182). Go to “Corporation for National and Community Service” and see “Notices.” This notice from the Corporation solicits comments concerning the Senior Corps Accomplishments Surveys, the current clearance that will expire at the end of April. This request for renewal reflects the Corporation’s intent to conduct Accomplishment Surveys for its three Senior Corps programs; the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP), Senior Companion Program (SCP) and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). The Corporation seeks to renew clearance for the surveys to collect information about Senior Corps volunteer activities and accomplishments, and information about the practices that are used by the organizations that recruit, supervise and manage volunteers. Public comments must be received by **November 20**. For more information, call 202/606-6633.

CMS Approves ABHRs and Smoke Alarms in Health Facilities

See the Federal Register dated **September 22** (Vol. 71, No. 184). Go to “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services” and see “Rules, Medicare and Medicaid.” This final rule from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), effective **October 23**, allows certain health care facilities to place alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR) dispensers in egress corridors under specified conditions. This final rule also requires that nursing

facilities at least install battery-operated single station smoke alarms in resident rooms and common areas if they are not fully sprinklered, or they do not have system-based smoke detectors in those areas. Prior to this final rule, health care facilities were prohibited from placing accelerants, including ABHR dispensers in egress corridors because of the fire hazard. But now that has changed because ABHRs have become an increasingly common infection control method to combat the more than two million health care-acquired infections/year. For more information, call 410/786-6617.

AHRQ Requests Instruments to Measure Home Health Care Quality

See the Federal Register dated **September 25** (Vol. 71, No. 185). Go to “Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality” and see “Notices.” This notice from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is soliciting the submission of instruments or items that measure perceptions of patients and their informal caregivers regarding the quality of home health care these patients received from home health providers, health plans, other health care providers, stakeholders, vendors, researchers (who included home health care as part of their research), and other interested parties. This initiative is in response to the need to develop a new home health survey. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is interested in incorporating this survey as part of its Home Health Quality Initiative which is intended to empower consumers with quality care information to make more informed decisions about their health care. Please submit instruments and supporting information by **October 25**. For more information, call 301/427-1324.

CMS Provides Quarterly Listing of Issuances and Decisions

See the Federal Register dated **September 29** (Vol. 71, No. 189). Go to “Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services” and see “Notices, Medicare and Medicaid.” This notice from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provides a quarterly listing of Medicare and Medicaid program issuances. It contains manual instructions, substantive and interpretive regulations, and other Federal Register notices that were published **April, 2006** through **June, 2006** relating to the Medicare and Medicaid programs. It includes information on National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) affecting specific medical and health care services under Medicare, and listings of all approval numbers from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for collections. For more information, call 410/786-2134.

LEGISLATION SUMMARY

The following bills are listed for informational/educational purposes only. The list does not constitute OSA support or endorsement. Nor does it indicate the critical bills OSA considers to be of priority. All of this information is current, as of the date of this issue. But it is subject to change at any time through legislative action.

For more information about the content and legislative history of a particular bill, go to www.legislature.mi.gov (the Michigan Legislature website) and enter the bill number in the box under “Legislative Bill Search.” Then click on “Go!” and the status page of the bill will appear with current information about the bill. Click on a “PDF” or “TXT” box for a copy of the latest version of the bill, or a House or Senate analysis of the bill.

The Michigan Legislature website (www.michiganlegislature.org) is a free service of the Legislative Internet Technology Team in cooperation with the Michigan Legislative Council, the Michigan House of Representatives, and the Michigan Senate. Also, call the Michigan Law Library at 517/373-0630 for legal research questions. If you have a question or opinion about any of these bills, contact your state legislator. Also, you may call OSA Director **Sharon Gire** at 517/373-7876 or e-mail her at osadirector@michigan.gov.

State Legislature Adjourns Until After the Election

The Michigan State Legislature adjourned **September 21**. They will reconvene on **November 9**, two days after the **November 7** election.

New House Bills (September 11 – 29)

House Bill (HB) 6457 of 2006

See "House and Senate Bills that have Moved" (below).

House Bill (HB) 6458 of 2006

See "House and Senate Bills that have Moved" (below).

House Bill (HB) 6459 of 2006

See "House and Senate Bills that have Moved" (below).

House Bill (HB) 6515 of 2006

Health facilities; emergency medical services; automatic external defibrillators in certain life support vehicles; require. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Gino Polidori** (D-Dearborn) and co-sponsored by 22 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 9-14-06.

House Bill (HB) 6522 of 2006

Consumer protection; privacy; information privacy and protection act; create. Creates new act. Sponsored by **Rep. Kathy Angerer** (D-Dundee) and co-sponsored by 39 others. Referred to the House Committee on Judiciary 9-14-06.

House Bill (HB) 6565 of 2006

Health; pharmaceuticals; reporting of pharmaceutical marketing, advertising, or other promotional activities; require. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Carl M. Williams** (D-Saginaw) and co-sponsored by 24 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 9-20-06.

House Bill (HB) 6566 of 2006

Health; pharmaceuticals; pharmaceutical manufacturer reporting of expenditures on research and development; require. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Tie Barred with HB 6565 of 2006 and HB 6567 of 2006 (which means none of these bills can take effect unless all three do). Sponsored by **Rep. Glenn S. Anderson** (D-Westland) and co-sponsored by 10 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 9-20-06.

House Bill (HB) 6567 of 2006

Health; pharmaceuticals; limitation on value of gifts or other benefits provided to a

pharmacist or dispensing prescriber; provide for. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Tie Barred with HB 6565 and HB 6566 (which means none of these bills can take effect unless all three do). Sponsored by **Rep. Carol M. Williams** (D-Saginaw) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 9-20-06.

New Senate Bills (September 11 – 29)

Senate Bill (SB) 1415 of 2006

Income tax; credit; tax credit for donations of food items to food banks; allow. Amends Public Act (PA) 281 of 1967. Sponsored by **Sen. Jason Allen** (R-Traverse City) and co-sponsored by six others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 9-12-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1458 of 2006

Consumer protection; privacy; information privacy and protection act; create. Creates new act. Sponsored by **Sen. Gilda Jacobs** (D-Huntington Woods) and co-sponsored by six others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary 9-19-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1467 of 2006

Health facilities; other; sunset on collection of hospital and nursing home quality assurance assessments and increase in hospital assessment; eliminate and provide for. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Sen. Deborah Cherry** (D-Burton) and co-sponsored by two others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 9-20-06.

House and Senate Bills that have Moved (September 11 – 29)

House Bill (HB) 5003 of 2005, House Bill (HB) 5602 of 2006, House Bill (HB) 5672 of 2006, House Bill (HB) 6039 of 2006, House Bill (HB) 6253 of 2006, House Bill (HB) 6300 of 2006, House Bill (HB) 6323 of 2006, House Bill (HB) 6457 of 2006; House Bill (HB) 6458 of 2006 and House Bill (HB) 6459 of 2006, Senate Bill (SB) 420 of 2005, Senate Bill (SB) 453 of 2005, Senate Bill (SB) 848 of 2005, Senate Bill (SB) 849 of 2005, Senate Bill (SB) 880 of 2005, Senate Bill (SB) 1357 of 2006, Senate Bill (SB) 1360 of 2006 and Senate (SB) 1361 of 2006.

House Bill (HB) 5003 of 2005

Human services; medical services; county maintenance of effort rate for nursing homes; extend ending date. Amends Public Act (PA) 280 of 1939. Sponsored by Rep. **Bruce Caswell** (R-Hillsdale) and co-sponsored by three others. Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations 6-23-05. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 9-20-06.

House Bill (HB) 5602 of 2006

See **Public Act (PA) 352 of 2006** (below).

House Bill (HB) 5672 of 2006

See **Public Act (PA) 416 of 2006** (below)

House Bill (HB) 6039 of 2006

The bill would add a new section to the Public Health Code to establish in the Department of Community Health the Healthcare Information Technology and

Infrastructure Development Fund. The fund would be administered by the Health Information Technology Commission to promote the development and adoption of healthcare information technologies designed to improve the quality, safety and efficiency of healthcare services. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Tie barred with HB 5336 of 2005 (which mean neither bill can take effect unless both do). Sponsored by **Rep. Gary Newell** (R-Saranac) and co-sponsored by 36 others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 5-4-06. House substitute bill adopted by the House 9-20-06. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 9-20-06.

House Bill (HB) 6253 of 2006

See **Public Act (PA) 398 of 2006** (below).

House Bill (HB) 6300 of 2006

This bill would allow, among other things, a medical first responder to be licensed as an emergency medical services instructor-coordinator. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Dave Hildenbrand** (R-Lowell) and co-sponsored by one other. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 6-29-06. Referred to second reading 9-12-06.

House Bill (HB) 6323 of 2006

This bill would amend the Public Health Code to allow for electronically transmitted prescriptions and prescriptions transmitted by facsimile. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Gary Newell** (R-Saranac) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the House Committee on Health Policy 8-9-06. House substitute bill amended and adopted by the House 9-20-06. Amendments offered 9-20-06. Postponed temporarily 9-20-06.

House Bill (HB) 6457 of 2006

This bill would create the Consumer Identity Protection Act, under which the Office of Financial and Insurance Services (OFIS) would be required to establish a state credit activity list and publish it quarterly for use by consumer reporting agencies. The list would consist of the names, addresses and social security numbers of those consumers who register with OFIS to receive notifications of credit activity from consumer reporting agencies. The list would have to be established within 120 days after the bill's effective date. Beginning 90 days after the list is established, a consumer reporting agency would have to notify a consumer on the then-current version of the list of any new activity involving that consumer in the preceding calendar quarter. The notice would have to be provided in writing within a reasonable amount of time. Creates new act. Sponsored by **Rep. Rick Baxter** (R-Hanover) and co-sponsored by 10 others. Referred to the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services 9-12-06. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 9-19-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions 9-20-06.

House Bill (HB) 6458 of 2006

This bill would amend the Uniform Commercial Code to address bank stop-payment orders on checks when one or more blank checks are stolen from a customer, or when the bank customer is the victim of identity theft. Amends Public Act (PA) 174 of 1962. Sponsored by **Rep. David Farhat** (R-Fruitport) and co-sponsored by six others. Referred to the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services 9-12-06. House substitute bill adopted by the House 9-19-06. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 9-19-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions 9-20-06.

House Bill (HB) 6459 of 2006

This bill would amend the Identity Theft Protection Act to prohibit a person, in the conduct of trade or commerce, from retaining all or any part of a consumer's credit card or account number for more than four years after a credit card purchase transaction was completed, or for more than the retention period established in any agreement between the person and the credit card issuer, whichever is longer. Information could be retained for a longer period with the consumer's consent. Amends Public Act (PA) 452 of 2004. Sponsored by **Rep. John Pastor** (R-Livonia) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services 9-12-06. Amended by the House 9-19-06. Passed by the House and given immediate effect 9-19-06. Referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions 9-20-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 420 of 2005

See **Public Act (PA) 353 of 2006** (below).

Senate Bill (SB) 453 of 2005

See **Public Act (PA) 372 of 2006** (below).

Senate Bill (SB) 848 of 2005

See **Public Act (PA) 412 of 2006** (below).

Senate Bill (SB) 849 of 2005

See **Public Act (PA) 413 of 2006** (below).

Senate Bill (SB) 880 of 2005

See **Public Act (PA) 399 of 2006** (below).

Senate Bill (SB) 1357 of 2006

This bill would amend Public Act 47 of 1945 (dealing with local hospital authorities) to include in the definition of "hospital" and "community hospitals and related facilities" a long-term care facility, an assisted living facility, a home for the aged, a senior citizen housing facility, and a health and wellness facility. Currently the definition includes, among other things, buildings or structures and related facilities suitable for, incidental or ancillary to the care of the sick or wounded, or for the care of people requiring medical treatment. The bill also would include care of the elderly in the definition. Under the act, two or more cities, villages or townships, or a combination of those local units, with voter approval, may join to form a hospital authority and issue bonds for the purpose of planning, promoting, acquiring, constructing, improving, owning, maintaining and operating one or more community hospitals and related buildings or structures and related facilities. Amends Public Act (PA) 47 of 1945. Sponsored by **Sen. Michelle McManus** (R-Lake Leelanau) and co-sponsored by six others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy 7-26-06. Passed by the House 9-13-06. Referred to the House Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement 9-13-06. Referred to second reading 9-20-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1360 of 2006

This bill would amend the Revised Municipal Finance Act to allow a county, city, village or township to pay the costs of the unfunded actuarial liability of its public employee retirement system (PERS) pension fund. Amends Public Act (PA) 34 of 2001. Sponsored by **Sen. Nancy Cassis** and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the

Senate Committee on Finance 7-26-06. Discharge Committee approved 9-14-06.
Placed on order of general orders 9-14-06.

Senate Bill (SB) 1361 of 2006

This bill would create a new act entering Michigan into the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact. Insurers that sell life insurance and other wealth-protection products, such as annuities and long-term care insurance, may be disadvantaged compared with their competitors in the banking and securities industries, because the insurers need to obtain regulatory approval of their products on a state-by-state basis. To address insurers' concerns about getting their products to market in an efficient and speedy manner, and to provide insurers' with "one-stop shopping" for multi-state product approval, it is suggested that Michigan become a compacting state by entering the compact. This would create uniform standards for specific insurance products and provide a central filing point for approval and review of insurance products. Creates new act. Sponsored by **Sen. Alan Sanborn** (R-Richmond) and co-sponsored by no others. Referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions 7-26-06. Senate Substitute Bill concurred in by the Senate 9-13-06. Passed by the Senate 9-14-06. Referred to the House Committee on Insurance 9-14-06.

New Public Acts (September 11 – 29)

Public Act (PA) 352 of 2006

House Bill (HB) 5602 of 2006

This bill amends the Michigan Adoption Code to make an exception to a provision under which an adoptee is no longer the heir of a parent whose parental rights have been terminated; the exception applies to a child adopted by the spouse of a natural parent, as provided in the Estates and Protected Individuals Code (EPIC). The bill also revises language concerning an order for grandparenting time. The Adoption Code states it does not prohibit the entry of an order for grandparenting time under the Child Custody Act (which governs grandparenting time actions). Under this bill, the Adoption Code does not prohibit either the filing of an action, or the entry of an order for grandparenting time, as provided in the Child Custody Act. Under the Adoption Code, while a stepparent adoption proceeding is pending, a parent of a natural parent may seek an order for grandparenting time of the adoptee in the same manner as set forth in the Child Custody Act. This bill deletes that provision. Amends Public Act (PA) 288 of 1939. Tie barred with Senate Bill (SB) 420 of 2005 (which meant neither bill could take effect until both did). Sponsored by **Rep Tonya Schuitmaker** (R-Lawton) and co-sponsored by two others, it **was approved by Gov. Granholm 9-15-06 and assigned Public Act (PA) 352 of 2006** with immediate effect.

Public Act (PA) 353 of 2006

Senate Bill (SB) 420 of 2005

Under this bill, the right to commence an action for grandparenting time with a child who had been adopted by a stepparent is limited to the parents of a deceased parent of the child. Amends Public Act (PA) 91 of 1970. Tie barred with SB 5602 of 2006 (which meant neither bill could take effect until both did). Sponsored by **Sen. Irma Clark-Coleman** (D-Detroit) and co-sponsored by 19 others, it **was approved by Gov. Granholm 9-15-06, and assigned PA 353 of 2006** with immediate effect.

Public Act (PA) 372 of 2006

Senate Bill (SB) 453 of 2005

This bill amends the Income Tax Act to allow taxpayers, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2007, to claim a refundable credit against the state income tax equal to a portion of the amount of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for the same tax year as follows: The credit will be 10 percent of the EITC for the 2008 tax year, and the credit would be 20 percent of the EITC for the 2009 tax year and beyond. Amends Public Act (PA) 281 of 1967. Tie barred with SB 1364 and HB 6213 (which means none of these bills could take effect until all three did). Sponsored by **Sen. Nancy Cassis** (R- Novi), it **was approved by Gov. Granholm 9-22-06, and assigned PA 372 of 2006** with immediate effect.

Public Act (PA) 398 of 2006

House Bill (HB) 6253 of 2006

This bill would extend by five years the ability of Canadian health care professionals, including RNs, to obtain licenses to practice in Michigan through an expedited process. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Edward Gaffney** (R-Grosse Pointe Farms) and co-sponsored by 12 others, it **was approved by Gov. Granholm 9-26-06, and assigned PA 398 of 2006** with immediate effect.

Public Act (PA) 399 of 2006

Senate Bill (SB) 880 of 2005

This bill would create a new Chapter of the Insurance Code to require an insurance producer or insurer to have reasonable grounds to believe that a recommendation to a senior consumer (age 65 or older) to purchase or exchange an annuity was suitable to the consumer based on his or her financial situation; and require an insurance producer or insurer to make reasonable efforts to obtain a senior consumer's financial information before executing a purchase or exchange of an annuity; The bill also would require an insurer to establish and maintain a system to supervise recommendations, designed to achieve compliance with the bill, or assure that such a system was established and maintained; and allow the Commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services (OFIS) to order an insurer to insurance producer to take corrective action for a senior consumer harmed by a violation of the bill. Amends Public Act (PA) 218 of 1956. Sponsored by **Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom** (R-Norton Shores) and co-sponsored by two others, it **was approved by Gov. Granholm 9-29-06** with immediate effect.

Public Act (PA) 412 of 2006

Senate Bill (SB) 848 of 2005

This bill would add new sections to the Insurance Code and the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act to permit an insurer, a health maintenance organization (HMO), and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) to offer wellness coverage that could include premium rates or reductions, or reduced co-payments or deductibles. It would take effect January 1, 2007, and it would amend the Insurance Code to apply the new provisions to an insurer providing an expense-incurred hospital, medical, or surgical certificate delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state, as well as an HMO. Amends Public Act (PA) 218 of 1956. Sponsored by **Sen. Tom George** (R-Portage) and co-sponsored by 21 others, it **was approved by Gov. Granholm 9-29-06, and assigned PA 412 of 2006**, but without immediate effect.

Public Act (PA) 413 of 2006

Senate Bill (SB) 849 of 2005

This bill would add new sections to the Insurance Code and the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act to permit an insurer, a health maintenance organization (HMO), and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) to offer wellness coverage that could

include premium rates or reductions, or reduced co-payments or deductibles. It would take effect January 1, 2007, and it would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act to apply the provisions to BCBSM. Amends Public Act (PA) 350 of 1980. Sponsored by **Sen. Tom George** (R-Portage) and co-sponsored by 21 others, it **was approved by Gov. Granholm 9-29-06, and assigned PA 413 of 2006**, but without immediate effect.

Public Act (PA) 416 of 2006
House Bill (HB) 5672 of 2006

This bill would amend the Public Health Code to do the following: require the Board of Pharmacy to create a cancer drug program; allow an individual who was at least 18 years old to donate legally obtained cancer drugs or supplies to a cancer drug repository, and allow donations by a pharmacy, health facility, manufacturer or wholesale distributor; establish eligibility criteria for donated drugs and supplies; and establish priorities for dispensing donated drugs and supplies, and require an individual who received a cancer drug or supply to provide verification that he or she had a current diagnosis of cancer. Amends Public Act (PA) 368 of 1978. Sponsored by **Rep. Barb Vander Veen** (R-Allendale) and co-sponsored by 20 others, it **was approved by Gov. Granholm 9-29-06, and assigned PA 416 of 2006** with immediate effect.

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